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### **UD'S VASEY SYMPOSIUM WILL EXAMINE INFLUENCE OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION**

DAYTON, Ohio, February 23, 1990--Historical characters, music and poetry from the French Revolution will take center stage at the University of Dayton as part of an annual tribute to Father Vincent Vasey, S.M.

UD's third annual Vasey Symposium, which in two sessions will examine the influence of the French Revolution on Father William Joseph Chaminade, will be held Tuesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 15. Both sessions are free and open to the public.

The symposium honors Vasey, who taught at the UD School of Law until his death in 1985. Each year the event offers an extension of Vasey's own interests. Vasey wrote a biography of Chaminade, founder of the Society of Mary, the Roman Catholic teaching order which founded the University of Dayton in 1850. The first symposium dealt directly with the biography, and this year the focus will be on Chaminade and the French Revolution. The second annual Vasey Symposium presented "A Theology for a Catholic Law School."

A debate on the French Revolution will be held on Tuesday, March 13 at 8 p.m. in the Virginia W. Kettering Residence Hall multi-purpose room. Father Paul Vieson, S.M., assistant professor of history, and Lawrence Flockerzie, assistant professor of history, will offer differing interpretations of the French Revolution. Una Cadegan, assistant professor of American studies at UD, will be the moderator.

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Music, poetry readings and characterizations from the period of the French Revolution will be presented on Thursday, March 15 at 8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the Virginia W. Kettering Residence Hall on campus.

A "Meeting of Minds" will bring seven principal characters from the French Revolution to life. The characters, to be portrayed in costume by UD faculty members, will include Napoleon Bonaparte, Benjamin Franklin and Father Chaminade, among others. The characters will explain their views of the events of 1789-1799.

Herbert Martin, UD's poet-in-residence, will read selections from the time of the revolution, and a string quartet from the music division, under the direction of Carol Baxter, assistant professor of music, will perform period music.

For further information on the Vasey Symposium, contact Joseph Watras at (513) 229-3328.